Village Office—Narakkal.

173. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(a) Is the Government aware that the Village Office at Narakkal is located in an ill-ventilated, small and dilapidated building;

(b) is there any premises to the office building;

(c) is there any public path to the Village Office?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) There is no poromboke path to the Village Office.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Under the present condition of the bulding do the Government think it safe to conduct the office in the same?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not dangerous. The office is being conducted there.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Being dilapidated, will there not be a chance of the records being lost?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government any idea to to put new building?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes, under condideration.

Diversion—Chalakkudi River.

174. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (f) of Question No. 457 of the Legislative Session of 1106 will the Government be pleased to inform the House what progress they have made regarding the diversion of the Chalakkudi river since the date of the answer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government are awaiting reply to a reference made to the Travancore Government in this connection.

L. S. School for Girls—Vadakkancheri.

175. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(a) Whether the inhabitants of Vadakkancheri and its suburbs had not petitioned the Government to raise the present L. S. S. for girls into a High School;

(b) what was the reply given to them;

(c) had not the Government promised in the Council that with 15 girls they will be prepared to open Form IV;

(d) what was the number of girls that passed in the annual examination of Form III in the years 1104, 1105, 1106;

(e) what has been the strength of girls in Form IV in the High School, Vadakkancheri in the school years 1104—1105, 1105—1106 and 1106—1107?

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Mr. I. N. Menon:—(a) Yes.

(b) The question was ordered to lie over and the petitioners were informed accordingly.

(c) No such promise was given.

(d)

1104	1105	1106
13	11	8

(e) 1104—1105 13 girls.
1105—1106 19 girls.
1106—1107 15 girls.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—In reply to the petition they have been told that the matter is to lie over. Will the Government be pleased to take it up again and see their request is granted?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It was because of stringency of funds and because of difficulties we had with regard to certain petitions from the people of the locality to the effect that the present location of the school is causing difficulties to some sections of the people. Therefore it was decided that until the whole thing was looked into, building operations should not be undertaken. That is the only reason. But it will be taken up.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— I invite your attention to page 763 of Volume 2 of the Reports. There it is stated by the then Educational Member that with 20 girls we would begin Fourth Form. I suppose he said between 15 and 20. Vadakkancheri must be made an exception. With the present stength, namely, 15 girls, the High school might be opened and the same number of girls would be there this year also. Will the Government be pleased to allow the school the Fourth Form at least from the next school year?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I submitted to this House that it is not on the question of number that, so far as this raising of the standard is concerned, the difficulty arises. If my answer to (d) is wrong it does not in the least mean that Government is unwilling to raise the standard. I had the information from the files available and if I am wrong I stand corrected. With regard to the question whether the strength is sufficient, it was not because the strength was 15 that the Government told the petitioners that the matter is to lie over. It is for other reasons. The question of number has never been pledged here for allowing the thing to lie over.

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176. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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